

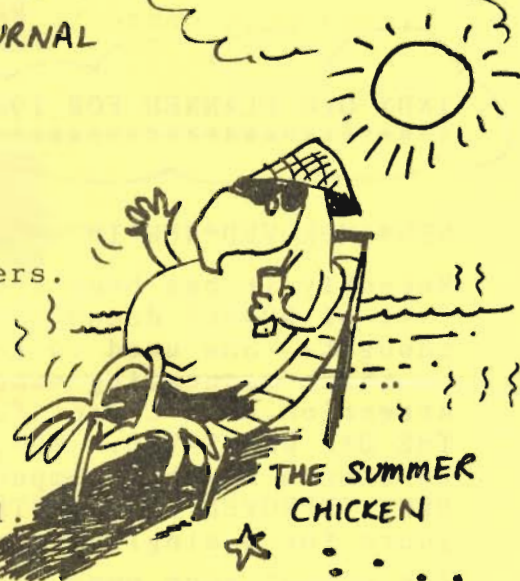
# KEY-CLUCKS

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THE ALMOST OFFICIAL JOURNAL  
OF THE CFO

GREETINGS!

Hello out there, CFO members.  
We send you another mixture  
of news, goofy gossip,  
almost useful information,  
and some totally bad jokes.



• CENSUS REPORT: as of the end  
of June, CFO membership is up to 901.  
The most recent addition is W7JVI, Cathy  
Gort of lake Stevens, WA. Welcome, Cathy,  
and the rest of the new cluckers.

- SOS NEWS SOS NEWS: Please send me news about yourself or other CFO members...Key Clucks could win the Pulitzer (Pulletzer?) Prize, or maybe a home-brew side-swiper or whatever. News is the life blood...life ink...of our Key Clucks journal.
- Yours Truly, W9TO, has some interesting stuff on disks for C64 computers. So far, disks have been exchanged with N4HWQ, W9CQ, KBØPB, and some non-CFO users. For info, send a S.A.S.E. Sneaky suggestions: CFOCU might be the CFO Computer Users.
- CFO operators enjoy QSOS with others with a low EQ. That means EGO Quotient.

A question for you CFO chickens: Why are eggs egg-shaped and not round? Answer: Round eggs could roll away, away and get lost. Wild birds have the most un-round eggs. How about that?

● What is a BLACK HOLE? Answer: Kenwood service.



- Bad joke Department: A rooster chased a hen. (For you city operators, that's a she-chicken.) The rooster jumped over the hen and landed on a corn-cob. A farmer, watching, said "I hope I never get that hungry!" Our jokes go from B1 to B9. B9 is totally bad.

This is strictly for W9WBL, but you can read it.  
What is a 4842? Answer: a six-pack of 807s.

This one is for real: What is the original definition for schmaltz? Answer: Rendered fat (usually chicken fat).

Many contest operators are now calling a popular US navy station. CQ NST.

Your Editor,

*Jim*

W9TO

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INDY Qth PLANNED FOR 1988 CLUCK-IN (read on)  
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NEW\*IMPROVED\*NEW\*IMPROVED\*NEW\*IMPROVED\*NEW\*IMPROVED\*NEW\*

Recently it has been brought to her attention that Doris (xyl of W9WBL) doesn't know the alphabet as well as she thought. She used to send out the CFO Rooster (roster) to those requesting same. Now it has been brought to her attention that C does follow B and N comes after M, etc. THE DAY WAS SAVED. TOM, W7OOF, CFO #857 has fed it all to a much smarter computer....so, chickens out there, the NEW, IMPROVED CFO ROOSTER, hot off the computer, can be yours for a single-stamped envelope. (send no money).

for one of your own: a SASE to:

Doris W9WBL xyl  
6345 Coffman Rd.  
Indianapolis IN 46268

*and SPECIAL THANKS  
To TOM W7OOF for all  
his time and trouble*

ANOTHER 20 LASHES FOR DORIS\*ANOTHER 20 LASHES FOR DORIS\*

In the last Key Clucks (Winter '88 edition), errors were made identifying the Cluckers in the Nashville Cluck-In photo group....

Roger, the handsome dude in the top row is N4IBF,  
Ray, the smiling lad in the top row-middle is WØGHX,  
Bryan, the young fellow genuflecting, first person, second row, is VE3PEV.

Upon questioning Doris, she passed the blame off on her typewriter...but the CFO is now trying to get her into night school to get this alphabet problem worked out. She claims allegiance to the CFO motto and says she wouldn't have taken on the challenge if it was all supposed to be done right.

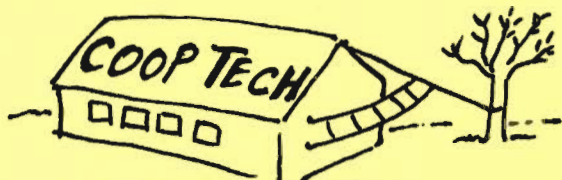
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JIM, KE5AL, writes: "If it's a bad joke you need, how about this. We all know why the chicken crossed the road. Do you know why the pervert crossed the road?

He was after that chicken!"

(that rates a B9, Jim)





For those who enjoy having battery back-up for their cw rigs, MARVIN, W4WU, points out the safety and convenience

of GELL-ACID BATTERIES, such as those made for wheel chair service. These batteries can even be used laying on their side with no leakage problems. Marvin found his "wholesale" from :

Storage Battery Systems  
13664 W. Silver Spring Dr.  
Butler, WI 53007

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The 55 amp hour battery #GC-12550 is currently selling for \$99.60 in single quantities.



#### ABOUT CFO NOMINATIONS:

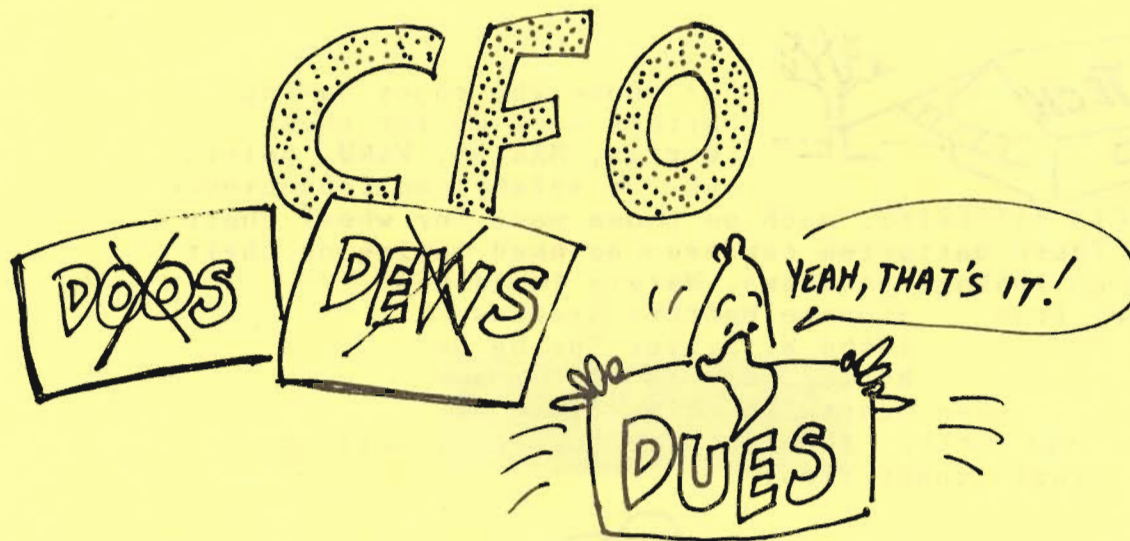
To minimize errors and confusion, members are requested to nominate new chickens for CFO membership by mail... include: "QSO name", call letters and current mailing address.

When we receive two such nominations (and the call and address info agree), certificates will be issued at no cost to the lucky bird.

As for requirements, the ability to copy 45 wpm or more by ear, and the ability to conduct a sociable QSO with a good sense of humor still seem to be the common bond. As for sending, the ability to generate cw on anything from tapping on Frankenstein's neck electrodes with a battery clip to a "CRAY COMPUTER" is acceptable. As Jim, W9TO, says, "It's the message, not the medium....."

Send nominations to: Stan Hails, W9WBL, 6345 Coffman Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46268





In an effort to get this problem under control, the following proposal is being put forward:

Inasmuch as the only economic need in the CFO is for covering printing and mailing costs for the irregular publication of the Key Clucks, and the difficult problem of keeping such records accurate seem intractable, a nice, simple-minded system seems to be in order.

To that end, it will now work this way: Send ONE BUCK per issue of the Key Clucks you wish to receive in the future...(max of \$5, please). ALSO, send one self-addressed  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$  envelope per issue/buck. Sound familiar? Not unlike a DX QSL Bureau, although different envelopes...

The one-buck issue also includes the postage cost, so DON'T STAMP 'EM. You may have noticed that postage seems to be a variable, not a constant.

The extra pennies remaining from the dollar, after paying for printing and stamps, will cover the cost of printing current ROOSTERS. WE remind you that current ROOSTERS are available to you for a s.a.s.e. (no extra cost).

This plan will take a while to swing over, but be patient. When the computer print-out we now use shows your "account" is depleted, we will rubber-stamp your Key Clucks with a "last issue" notice.

I do hope this makes sense and will be a painless, simple method of getting info to those who are actually interested, and make the mechanics of publishing a whole lot nicer to deal with.

Thanks for your support... Stan W9WBL

WE LOVE TO GET MAIL\*WE LOVE TO GET MAIL\*WE LOVE TO GET MAIL\*

There was no sense in condensing the letter we got from  
AL WILLIAMS, VE6AXW CFO#417, of Edmonton, Alberta...

so here it is: " I have been a ham since VE7BNI (ex-VE5TM) Tom, got me started 'way back in 1947 (license arrived February 21, 1947) I seemed to catch on to CW fairly easily and so I decided it might be a good way to make a living. I picked up a commercial ticket in 1948 and operated as point-to-point CW operator with Canadian Pacific Airlines and, later, for the Department of Lands and Forests of the province of Ontario for a few more years. (I was at Sioux Lookout as VE3BSH then).

Two brothers were WW 2 Flying Instructors and I always did want to fly also, so one day, in 1953 I guess it was, I began to learn to fly in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba. I obtained a Commercial pilot certification and flew for about a half million miles in Canada's Bush and Arctic regions. (In the Arctic, I used to acknowledge weather reports and give my position [when signals were bad] by keying CW with the mic. button!

A number of years followed when I operated my own electronic servicing business in Fernie, British Columbia. In 1967 (Canada's 100 th birthday) I was back flying in the Western Arctic, right next door to Alaska. I put in about 85 or 90 K miles that summer and since late 1967 I have been making my living as an outdoor sales Rep. for a local Industrial Electronics company, serving telephone, railroad, hospital and other industries with their needed parts and pieces.

I hang around quite a lot near 3651KHZ with the British Columbia Emergency Net, although my interest is more aimed at friendly rag chewing than traffic handling (I guess I did enough of that for a living years ago!)

Much the same can be said about my 20 meter operations, mainly when I am on 20, I'm more likely to be found on, or near, 14005KHZ, although I do sometimes go elsewhere as well. It doesn't happen often, but I have been heard on SSB on rare occasions, sometimes week-end mornings about 9:00 AM Mountain Time on (or near) 3803KHZ..... "

#### TIDBITS:

We are sad to report a silent key: Clem, W4WV #615 who passed away August 2, 1987.

Dick, KW3P reports his xyl Grete recently lost her mother in Germany last year. She's planning a trip to Prussia (now Poland) her old homestead this summer. OM will probably stay home to guard the coop. (We remember meeting Dick and Grete at the Nashville Cluck-In in '86)

Dick, KW3P also reports W1AR, Murray, (an old college chum of W9TO) recently moved to Georgia. "The promised beverage not strung up yet" per Dick. Also, W1HDC, Jack, did a two week relief job as R/O on Mass. Maritime Academy cruise in January.

and ANOTHER bad joke:

All evening long four card players had been pestered by a kibitzer. When he went out of the room for a moment, they hit on a plan to silence him. "Let's make up a game no one ever heard of..." one of them said. "...then he'll have to shut up."

The kibitzer returned. The dealer tore two cards in half and gave them to the man on his left. He then tore the corners off three cards and spread them out in front of the man opposite him. Then he tore five cards in quarters, gave 15 peices to the man on his right, and kept five himself.

"I have a mingle", he said. "I'll bet a dollar".

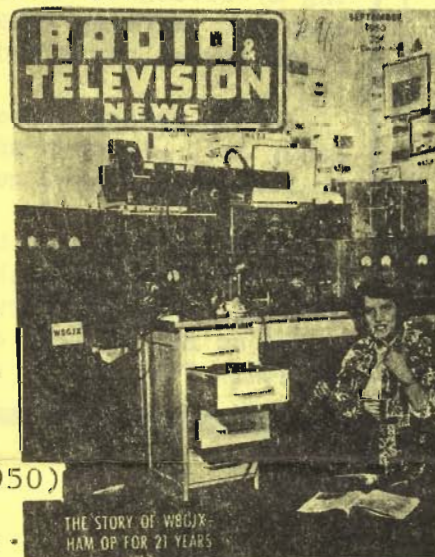
I have a snazzle", the next man announced. "I'll raise you a dollar." The third man folded without betting, and the fourth, after deliberation, said: "I've got a farfle, I'll raise you two dollars."

The kibitzer shook his head vehemently. "You're crazy", he says. "You're never going to beat a mingle and a snazzle with a lousy farfle!"

from OLNEY, W3RS (rate this about B6)

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A recent addition to the CFO, #900, is Helen Schmock, W8GJX, the first lady to become a member of the QCWA. IN addition to teaching school, Helen has been a publisher, reporter, librarian, dance instructor, beautician and a chinchilla rancher! She took flying lessons after WWII and got her scuba diving certificate at age 50. She was a commercial cw operator in Michigan. Recommended to the CFO by her fans George, KM8D, and Bill, W8ZN, it is Bill who claims he knew Helen since 1935 when she was just a pullet. They report that Helen runs a mean bug but they're trying to get her on a keyboard. An artist and an author, Helen is currently writing a book about amateur radio.



Here's Helen as a "cover-girl" (Sept., 1950)

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Bill, W8ZN, recently nominated another new chicken for the growing CFO coop: Art Johnson, #897, WØZM, of Columbia Heights, MN. Bill tells us that Art is a retired chemist and a grad of Michigan State University. He was a former op at WUL in Fort Brady, MI, and WVT in Chicago. Bill and Art worked together a WUL, Ft. Brady (in Sault Ste. Marie), and was chief op for the CCC headquarters for the upper peninsula. Bill also lets us know that while Art was in Chicago, he had a Thunderbird convertible and QRR'd all the gals on the South Side. (Art, you devil!!!)

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keep the gossip comin' in .....

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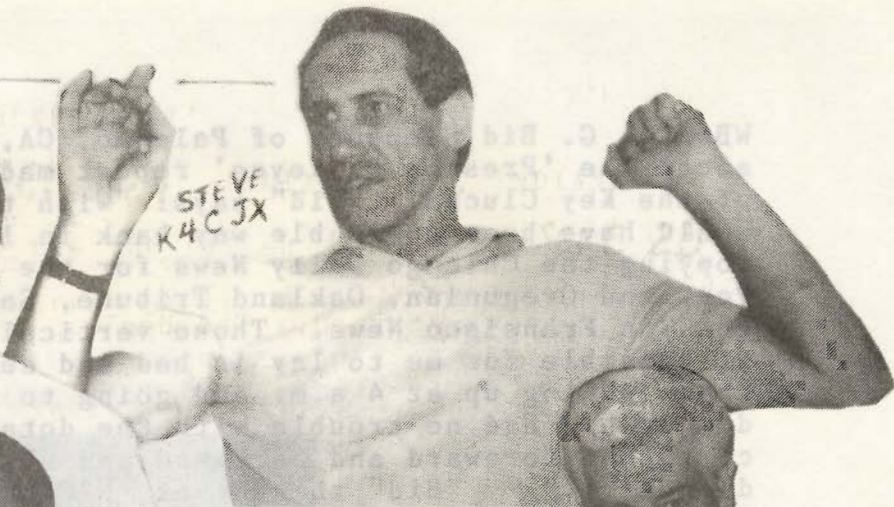
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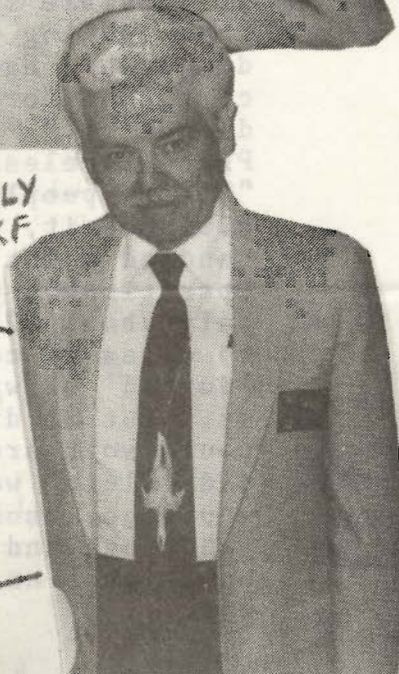
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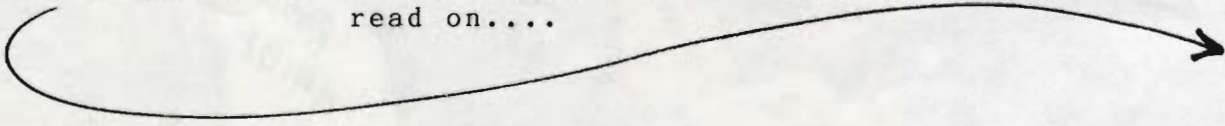
ROGER  
N4IBF

WB6ATA, G. Bid Simpson, of Palermo, CA, was wondering about the 'Preston D. Keyes' report made in the last issue of the Key Clucks. "Bid" says: "Wish that Keyes method would have been available way back in 1941 when I was copying the Chicago Daily News for the Seattle Intellegencer, Portland Oregonian, Oakland Tribune, San Jose Mercury and the San Fransisco News. Those vertical dashes would have made it possible for me to lay in bed and copy the schedule rather than getting up at 4 a.m. and going to the radio station downtown. Had no trouble with the dots at that time as could copy them foreward and backward and upside-down...but the dashes...." "Bid" thinks Sal, N2CPM, used to work for the Press Wireless in NYC...(is that true, Sal?) "Bid" says: "All PW people were outstanding cw people, as well as the old Kleinschmit, and copying SLIP (as it was called)...we sure handled a lot of traffic back in those days [in commercial operations]. When we first started using printers, which ran only about 62 wpm, we would get the other end to change over to cw as we could handle traffic much faster via cw than those 'durned' 62 wpm circuits. However, they forced the things on us. But it did take a few years to iron out all the bugs so they could work around the clock. Finally we got lazy. With the old 'Klein' we could punch good old cw as fast as our fingers would go...sometimes there would be as many as three of us punching, and of course we could speed the transmitting unit up as much as, I think the thing would go to 4 or 5 hundred wpm...."

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and a little more gossip...

overheard on the air...another recent chicken to the CFO coop is Stan Stevens, KB2QM, from Syracuse, NY. Talking about mobile cw, Stan reported that his last mobile cw operation was in the Normandy Invasion, with a straight key strapped to his leg! Stan, CFO #898, tells it this way: "I was a Communications Chief in the Army in WWII, first in Greenland, and then to Europe for the Normandy Invasion. I operated mostly from tanks and half-tracks doing reconnaissance work. All messages were transmitted by cw and were coded or ciphered. We had to get messages off fast and then quickly change QTH to avoid German direction finders," Stan claims to be a second-generation ham, learning from his Dad, an old spark gap operator. Stan's working hard on his cluck-call these days...he says he hopes to get up on sounding more like a White Leghorn than a Mallard...and asks the question: "Is a gobble as good as a cluck?"

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